RECEIVED **CENTRAL FAX CENTER**

THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

JAN 0 4 2005

APPLICANTS: Robert G. Emberty et al.

DOCKET NO.: TUC9-2001-0025-US1

SERIAL NO.: 09/843,972

FILED: 04/26/2001

EXAMINER: Sharon, Ayal I.

ART UNIT: 2123

TITLE: Method and Apparatus for Emulating a Fibre Channel Port

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Les A. Boegemann

Quarles & Brady Streich Lang

One South Church Avenue

Suite 1700

Tucson, AZ 85701

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that on this 4th day of January, 2005, this correspondence is being transmitted via facsimile (703-872-9306) to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Attn: Examiner Ayal I. Sharon (Art Unit 2123).

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

athleen C. Tennant

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION AND AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 4, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on January 4, 2005.